

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 35 and 37 have been cancelled. Claims 24, 36, 38, 40 and 41 have been amended. Claims 23-34, 36 and 38-44 are pending and under consideration.

On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that dependent claim 37 contains allowable subject matter. Dependent claim 37 has been cancelled and the limitations of this claim have been incorporated into independent claims 24 and 41. The only other independent claim (claim 23) has been allowed.

At least in view of the Examiner's indication of allowability, it is submitted that the prior art rejection should be withdrawn. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

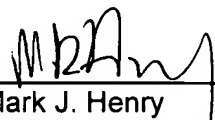
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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